

**DERIVATIVES OF 1,2-DIHYDRO-7-HYDROXYQUINOLINES  
CONTAINING FUSED RINGS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

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The present invention describes novel dyes, including coumarins, rhodamines, and rhodols that incorporate additional fused aromatic rings. The dyes of the invention absorb at a longer wavelength than structurally similar dyes that do not possess the fused aromatic rings. Many of the dyes of the invention are useful fluorescent dyes. The invention includes chemically

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reactive dyes, dye-conjugates, and the use of such dyes in staining samples and detecting ligands or other analytes.